

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c) The request for changes in the approval granted to Coca Cola South Asia Holdings (CCSAH) for bringing US \$ 700 Million was submitted by the Company to SIA and SIA sent the proposal for consideration by CCFI.

(d) For proposals affecting more than one Ministry, the concerned Ministries are normally consulted.

[Translation]

Production of Potato

992. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been bumper crop of potato this year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of potato produced in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware that potato growers are facing great difficulties in selling as well as storing their produce in their respective States;

(d) if so, the total quantity of potato spoiled due to this reason so far, State-wise; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to provide assistance to the potato growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The estimated production of potato during this year is not available. However, State-wise latest data on Potato production for the year 1995-96 is enclosed as *Statement*.

(c) to (e) Some of the State Governments have reported distress sale of Potato in their State and requested for Market intervention for the purchase of potato. The data on quantity of potato spoiled during this season is not available.

The remedial steps taken by the Government to provide assistance to the potato growers are:—

(i) The Government of India have scrapped central cold storage order to facilitate setting up of more cold storages in the country. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has removed ceiling on rentals and will revise tariff in

consultation with Agriculture Marketing Adviser, to make it viable.

(ii) The Government of India is implementing a Market Intervention Scheme on the request of State Government to save the farmers from distress sale of Horticulture produce including Potato.

(iii) National Horticulture Board, National Cooperative Development Corporation & Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority are providing assistance for the construction of cold storages and other marketing infrastructure facilities.

Statement

State-wise Coverage of Area and Production of Potato during the year 1995-96

S. No.	State	Area (thousand hectares)	Production (thousand tonnes)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.4	4.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.9	39.5
3.	Assam	74.1	504.8
4.	Bihar	173.0	1571.6
5.	Gujarat	23.0	460.9
6.	Haryana	10.5	141.3
7.	Himachal Pradesh	13.2	120.9
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	2.4	3.4
9.	Karnataka	25.5	251.3
10.	Madhya Pradesh	44.3	524.3
11.	Maharashtra	15.1	75.7

1	2	3	4
12.	Manipur	3.3	17.3
13.	Meghalaya	18.0	122.0
14.	Mizoram	0.1	0.3
15.	Nagaland	2.4	20.0
16.	Orissa	9.4	89.8
17.	Punjab	42.8	873.8
18.	Rajasthan	1.6	19.0
19.	Sikkim	5.5	24.0
20.	Tamilnadu	4.7	126.9
21.	Tripura	4.3	76.9
22.	Uttar Pradesh	400.7	7910.0
23.	West Bengal	255.9	6258.0
24.	Delhi	0.1	0.6
Total		1136.20	19236.70

Recommendations of Mandal Commission

993. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have implemented the recommendations of the Mandal Commission;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have made efforts for the implementation of the said recommendation; and

(d) if so, the success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Except Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh & UT of

Lakshadweep which have not implemented the recommendations of Mandal Commission as these are mainly Tribal Population States and have not identified any Backward Class community in these States/UT.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Indira Sawhney versus Union of India case, most of the States/UTs have notified their SC lists resulting in the notification of Common Central list in respect of 25 States/UTs. Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Meghalaya have set up Backward Classes Commissions to identify Other Backward Classes in the UT/State. Chandigarh Administration has already notified OBC list.

Allocation of Sugar to Madhya Pradesh

994. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar issued to various States during the last six months;

(b) whether less quantity of sugar has been issued to Madhya Pradesh during the said period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of sugar to the States particularly to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (d) The monthly levy sugar quotas of the States/UTs are based on minimum 425 gms. per capita availability for the population as per the 1991 census with effect from 1-1-1996. A statement showing monthly levy sugar quotas and the annual festival quotas of all States/UTs including the State of Madhya Pradesh is enclosed.

Statement

*Levy Sugar Quota and Festival Quota
(Based on population as per 1991 census,
effective from 1.1.1996)*

(Figs. in Tonnes)

S. No.	State/UTs	Monthly normal quota	Festival quota for each year
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	28267	7614
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	282	74